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men and their teams the following were some of them Edgar L Smith & George  
of Watoga, Millard F Ruckman, Lee & Frank Moore, & John Cleek of Millpoint  
they built slides that extended in to the mountains for 2 & 3 miles these  
had to be kept watered so the ice would make the logs run faster, from the  
slides they were put in Kinnison and Laurel Run and to the Greenbrier River  
to be drove to Ronceverte. Peters also operated below Durbin for this company.

John T Dixon took a contract from this company at an Laurel Run, at De-  
rcreek, and Cass.

Tom and Jack Crookshanks of Pa. took a contract and operated on the head  
of Laurel Run at Burr Valley on the John Burr place, these logs were taken down  
Laurel Run by train and put into the Greenbrier near Beard. W. Va.

Harry & Frank Harper had a contract their logs went down Anthony's Creek,  
they sub-contracted from Smith & Whiting. They had a camp and used 3 & 4 teams.

As in all other sections of our country lumbering preceded agriculture, some  
of our early settlers came for timber, some for the wildlife that roamed the  
hills while others came to make homes, from the high mountain peaks some of the  
ettlers might have looked down upon the rolling hills and the fertile valleys  
covered with timber and on the east side of the Greenbrier covered with white  
ice, as 75% of the timber on the east side was softwood, to operate and manuf-  
cture this timber the St. Lawrence Boom & Mfg. Company installed the largest

all to be found in this section or in fact in the United States at that time

mill was installed at Ronceverte and during this operation this mill produced something like 800 million. The St. Lawrence people harnessed Greenbrier River with dams, booms etc. and several paralleling canals in which to catch, sort and store endless millions of logs these having been cut up the river and drove down, this operation was known as the White Pine days and today we find settlers in Pocahontas County that came to this county from other sections of the state from other sections of the United States and many came in here from Canada during the operating of the White Pine, married here and today we find many families in Pocahontas County that their father or grandfather were the pioneers in the opening up and developing of our greatest resource

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ our timber in which this company operated over something like ~~55~~ 55,000 acres and extended from the Greenbrier County line to the head of the Greenbrier River. This operation furnished employment to our many people as well as a drawing card that brought in settlers from outside the state and as the land was cleared of its timber the more level lands were taken for agriculture and so today when traveling through this vast territory you see many farms with waving grain that once upon a time produced some of the best White Pine timber that was taken out of this section, but today we find several thousand acres of this vast White Pine forest land that has been bought by the U.S. Government for reforestation purposes this is particularly true with the Buckley and Pyles Mountain area along with with the chain of mountains from the Greenbrier Co.

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...to the head of the Greenbrier River as the Monongahela National Forest  
takes in thousands of acres of this the once White Pine section also the  
Seneca State Forest near Dunmore is part of the White Pine territory.

X The men that operated this White Pine had to endure all sorts of hardships worked long hours in deep snow in the woods and on the drives they had to work long hours often getting wet and this driving was very dangerous and many men were drowned besides the ones that received broken legs and lost limbs due to being crushed in the jam of logs in the river often in the icy water up to the waist for hours, if the logs lodged they were dynamited and set moving again. The men that worked in the White Pine were of the sturdy pioneer type, the character that was <sup>marked</sup> in frontiersmen while laboring in the White Pine woods among strangers with hardships dangerous work and working and staying in an isolated section has left its impression upon the civilization of today as they were of the sturdy pioneer type some of which married and settled in some of the White Pine territory. Thus the passing of one of Pocahontas County's largest lumber operations and the largest soft wood operation.

This lumber was shipped from Ronceverte to many of our larger cities some worked into ceiling other for siding and the larger timbers for framing that were used in the many buildings that were being built at that time all over the country, as this was virgin forest and cut millions of feet of first

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Force & Industry. S.G Smith Hillsboro. W.Va. Pocahontas County.

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rade lumber which found a ready market. This operation meant a lot to Pocahontas County as it furnished employment to our many woodsmen and it was from the sale of timber and employment that helped develop Pocahontas County to its standard it has today as it has always ranked high in the growth, manufacture and sale of timber and its products.

They cut down the White Pine trees.  
Drove and rafted them away to the mill,  
Twas in the days of the White Pine,  
That they cut down our evergreen trees. S.G.S

Information-Howard Underwood Huntersville. W.Va.

Robert Lee Syms.	"	"
H.J Barnes	Buckeye.	"
John B Buckley.	"	"
James Jordan	Hillsboro.	"
Calvin W Price	Marlinton.	"
J.C Morrison.	"	"
B.C Hayes.	Millpoint.	"
Jake Simmons.	Watoga.	"
Edgar L Smith.	Watoga.	"
Court Records.	Marlinton.	((

About 1890 to 95 a party of men cut some logs along Cheat River and rafted them to Point Marion Pa. a distance of between 250 & 300 miles and when they landed them there the logs were nearly worn out from bumping rocks along the way as this route was very rough with high falls and deep gorges.

Inf-John and Jay Buckley. Buckeye. W. Va.